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- n.y.a. not yet available
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6. Where figures have been rounded, discrepancies may occur between sums of the component items and totals.

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PRODUCTION

Month	Black coal '000 tonnes	Iron ore (a) '000 tonnes	Lead (b) '000 tonnes	Electricity mil. kWh		Gas (c) mil. megajoules		Raw steel '000 tonnes		Cement '000 tonnes		Motor vehicles (d) '000		Electric motors under 750 W '000	
				Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—															
June	10,840	22,793	45.7	10,174	9,319	42,335	36,133	532	517	462	447	31.3	30.3	181	194
1984-85—															
July	11,305		41.9	11,308	9,738	46,095	36,651	565	520	482	456	38.1	33.2	194	187
August	11,788		39.7	10,726	9,673	42,394	37,537	535	511	503	472	40.9	33.9	231	188
September	11,019	22,580	38.3	9,789	9,857	41,307	39,109	544	561	471	471	36.1	34.8	175	146
October	12,981		40.3	9,722	9,745	38,541	39,208	546	544	488	469	37.8	33.6	199	166
November	12,247		39.1	9,356	9,836	36,452	38,975	494	526	553	505	38.3	33.5	228	188
December	7,292	22,560	38.8	9,227	9,916	33,538	41,281	552	552	455	476	29.4	34.6	151	158
January	8,581		35.6	9,384	10,258	31,802	38,309	511	507	330	493	11.8	33.9	88	195
February	8,207		35.1	8,806	9,864	32,702	38,439	451	500	444	461	31.5	33.2	193	201
March	11,504	22,360	41.4	9,860	10,104	36,119	37,907	537	521	477	457	35.6	33.1	195	190
April	10,152		41.5	9,346	10,052	33,588	36,886	494	518	447	467	28.9	33.3	155	188
May	13,169		45.6	10,561	10,065	40,321	36,444	549	522	529	476	38.9	3.2	182	198
June	11,937	n.y.a.	38.8	10,878	10,063	43,621	37,267	544	540	482	472	37.4	37.0	169	181
1985-86—															
July	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	11,685	9,929	49,739	39,292	599	545	507	485	39.2	33.2	190	177
August	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	11,275	10,279	47,894	42,917	583	556	539	501	42.4	36.5	189	159

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B.M.R.). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B.M.R. (c) Available for issue through mains; includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state.

PRODUCTION—continued

STOCKS(d)

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling) '000 sq m		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing) '000 sq m		Man-made fibre-cloth '000 sq m		Meat '000 tonnes		Price index manufac- turing division(a)	Whole milk intake by factories(b) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers receipts of taxable wool		Book value at end of quarter \$m	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Total receipts tonnes	% of total received by brokers(c)	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84— June	3,918	3,147	716	810	15,132	12,796	174	190	392.2	282	544	34,377	76.8	(e)35,244	(c)35,347
1984-85— July	3,467	3,279	812	827	14,142	12,622	178	174	395.0	345	506	43,473	79.6		
August	3,156	2,717	866	844	14,395	12,598	171	165	397.0	493	489	81,948	81.7		
September	3,462	3,039	811	858	14,109	13,365	155	147	398.2	642	486	103,675	81.2	36,420	36,233
October	2,973	2,966	877	716	14,828	13,122	171	148	399.5	769	474	126,714	79.7		
November	3,186	2,930	1,083	847	14,216	12,705	164	161	399.7	747	495	105,107	76.6		
December	2,767	3,356	623	793	10,845	14,016	134	153	400.9	690	503	56,312	76.7	36,961	37,055
January	685	2,422	555	821	3,136	8,003	133	162	402.0	690	515	48,841	82.1		
February	2,766	3,297	976	880	12,865	13,489	154	161	405.2	437	512	45,157	75.6		
March	3,850	3,096	923	868	13,774	12,540	183	187	408.2	390	519	48,639	74.8	37,867	37,864
April	2,735	3,025	680	699	11,174	12,164	171	181	412.9	336	533	38,231	79.3		
May	4,383	3,378	945	937	14,690	13,176	198	188	418.0	309	542	40,587	78.8		
June	3,317	2,847	751	883	14,011	12,313	165	181	420.8	281	548	25,988	76.3	p38,778	p38,891
1985-86— July	3,786	3,467	853	812	14,777	12,960	178	169	n.y.a.	342	496	54,882	81.9		
August	3,904	3,451	794	833	14,696	13,149	p165	p171	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 5629.0. (e) New series. Results of a sample survey which is subject to revision each year prior to the June quarter survey. For further information see paragraphs 4 and 5 of publication 5629.0.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m		Export price index All groups 1974-75 = 100	Import price index All groups 1981-82 = 100.0	Balance on current accounts \$m	Net apparent capital inflow \$m	Official reserve assets (b) \$m
			Exports f.o.b.	Imports f.o.b.					
			Seas. adj.	Seas. adj.					
1983-84— June	2,329	2,230	5,064	5,070	209	114.6	-670	325	12,417
1984-85— July	2,400	2,296			213		-1,110	1,179	12,632
August	2,276	2,547			214		-954	1,198	12,618
September	2,390	2,112	5,579	5,560	214	119.9	-731	462	12,431
October	2,263	2,353			213		-1,148	809	12,604
November	2,461	2,345			211		-796	1,018	12,566
December	1,997	1,817	5,417	5,545	212	119.7	-889	707	12,028
January	2,226	2,343			214		-1,134	994	11,918
February	2,309	2,210			214		-353	721	13,115
March	2,397	2,343	5,603	5,242	231	125.1	-578	517	13,130
April	2,917	2,404			243		-327	34	13,988
May	2,969	2,967	5,963	5,553	p243		-839	1,236	14,041
June	2,990	2,615			p246	n.y.a.	-804	380	13,517
1985-86— July	2,708	3,220			p241		-1,353	1,224	12,499
August	3,107	3,078			n.y.a.		-893	637	12,774

(a) From July 1985 non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. Statistics prior to July 1985 included in this publication have been adjusted to be comparable with data from July 1985 onwards. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Retail sales(a)

Month	All items except motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. \$m		Food and drink \$m		Clothing, hardware, electrical and furniture \$m		Other(b) \$m		New motor cars and station wagons registered '000		Other new motor vehicles registered(c) '000	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—												
June	3,540	3,715	5,450	5,598	3,538	3,558	1,802	1,926	42.9	40.9	14.6	13.3
1984-85—												
July	3,591	3,788							42.3	40.3	15.3	13.9
August	3,701	3,775							42.5	37.4	14.4	13.3
September	3,560	3,797	5,506	5,703	3,471	3,671	1,863	1,972	37.7	40.7	11.5	13.0
October	3,851	3,848							43.5	42.5	13.3	13.1
November	4,067	3,892							41.2	41.4	12.5	13.2
December	5,195	3,922	6,233	5,793	4,474	3,816	2,416	2,038	39.4	41.2	11.3	12.6
January	3,810	4,002							39.0	44.1	11.5	13.3
February	3,529	3,957							43.5	47.5	12.8	13.8
March	3,849	3,982	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	48.8	48.4	15.6	14.4
April	3,846	3,997							42.0	45.4	14.5	15.2
May	4,241	4,106							49.0	44.0	15.6	13.8
June	3,809	4,136	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	42.1	41.4	15.6	14.8
1985-86—												
July	4,074	4,209							46.9	42.3	14.8	12.6
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.							p44.1	p40.1	p12.1	p11.8

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census; excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Other: excludes motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc. (c) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Award rates of pay index, adult persons June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100 unless otherwise stated)								
	All males	All females			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care	Recreation and education(a)
1983-84— June			202.6		132.3	128.8	124.4	135.5	134.8	138.1	145.5	118.2	115.4
1984-85— July	386.20	256.20	202.6	1.06	134.0	131.6	124.9	137.9	136.2	139.7	147.5	118.2	116.7
August			202.7										
September			202.7										
October			202.8	1.22	135.9	133.5	128.1	140.2	137.6	140.9	150.5	120.8	116.9
November	389.50	255.10	202.8										
December			202.8										
January			202.8	1.22	137.8	134.9	128.4	142.2	139.7	143.4	152.4	123.1	119.5
February	392.70	260.10	202.8										
March			202.8										
April			207.9	1.23	141.1	137.4	132.0	145.4	142.1	149.7	154.6	125.0	122.5
May	397.2	263.04	208.1										
June			208.1										
1985-86— July	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	208.1	1.18									
August			n.y.a.										

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Price indexes												New fixed capital expenditure by private enterprises (\$m/c)					
	Building approvals \$ m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$ m	Building commenced total \$ m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building(a)		Materials used in building other than house building(b)		New buildings and structures		Other new capital equipment		
										Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—																		
May	1,308.9	1,134.1	15.8	13.7	326.1					462.0	150.9							
June	1,121.3	1,073.3	13.2	13.1	212.3	3,588.6	3,550.0	38.0	37.3	465.1	151.3	907.6	885.2	3,146.8	2,884.8			
1984-85—																		
July	1,183.4	1,126.7	13.9	13.8	160.4					467.4	151.8							
August	1,235.9	1,147.2	15.1	14.2	190.2					469.5	152.2							
September	1,007.0	1,063.1	12.4	12.8	156.5	3,550.9	3,556.9	40.2	38.7	471.5	152.8	867.7	863.3	2,767.1	2,824.4			
October	1,216.4	1,140.3	14.0	13.0	165.2					474.7	153.3							
November	1,447.0	1,367.9	14.6	13.7	347.7					476.0	154.1							
December	1,247.4	1,337.6	11.9	13.5	333.0	3,623.9	3,574.5	39.3	38.7	477.1	154.5	1,139.8	1,020.9	2,973.3	2,830.5			
January	1,010.1	1,250.1	11.6	13.7	151.8					478.5	154.9							
February	1,143.4	1,281.4	12.3	13.5	162.8					481.7	155.9							
March	1,361.7	1,345.8	13.4	13.1	180.5	3,454.7	3,577.7	34.2	37.3	486.0	156.8	874.8	1,030.0	2,559.7	2,955.0			
April	1,281.0	1,344.0	13.4	13.4	200.2					489.2	158.4							
May	1,503.3	1,313.0	14.6	13.2	320.5					490.2	158.5							
June	1,423.8	1,414.8	13.3	13.4	193.2	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	498.8	161.1	p1,105.6	p1,073.3	p3,326.1	p3,028.3			
July	1,374.3	1,264.4	13.9	13.3	194.0						161.9							

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities, 1966-67 = 100.0. (b) Base: 1979-80 = 100.0. (c) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) \$m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (e) per cent	Listed companies new money raised \$m	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds \$m
	Original	Seas. adj.	Deposits \$m		Advances \$m		Permanent building societies \$m	Other lenders (d) \$m				
			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1983-84— June	34,328	34,246	33,749	34,358	26,444	26,541	567	300	136	12.20	731.5	5,052
1984-85— July	(f)34,077	(f)34,092	34,459	34,837	26,846	26,705	(g)590	(g)330	(g)117	12.10		4,241
August	34,286	34,409	35,105	35,245	26,927	27,013	678	336	117	11.15		4,798
September	34,650	34,830	35,562	35,686	27,390	27,421	630	285	112	11.85	1,457.8	3,874
October	34,982	35,161	35,713	35,603	28,212	27,865	784	315	128	12.10		4,128
November	35,079	35,282	36,139	35,897	28,202	28,098	745	334	111	12.50		4,637
December	36,078	35,715	37,062	36,798	28,873	28,733	598	276	94	12.90	459.2	4,254
January	36,101	35,662	38,003	38,047	29,353	29,615	702	302	98	12.50		4,140
February	36,582	35,804	38,627	38,732	29,564	30,166	712	337	95	13.20		4,635
March	36,379	36,164	39,012	38,581	30,520	30,859	731	355	111	13.65	640.2	5,192
April	35,662	36,217	39,821	39,516	31,637	31,323	626	332	105	13.65		7,526
May	36,148	36,526	39,836	39,905	31,927	31,567	837	408	120	13.50		7,276
June	38,866	38,790	40,617	41,330	32,586	32,704	670	306	101	13.45	805.7	6,559
1985-86— July	38,619	38,855	42,106	42,278	33,666	33,489	855	332	11.3	13.35	n.y.a.	n.y.a.
August	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	42,175	42,434	33,809	33,922	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	14.40	n.y.a.	n.y.a.

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories. (c) Includes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes terminating building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-rebate bonds. (f) Blank in series due to change in accounting arrangements by one bank. (g) From July 1984 the continuity of this series is affected by changes in coverage. For further information see the July 1984 to September 1984 issues of *Housing Finance for Owner Occupation, Australia* (5609.0).

NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(Rm)

Quarter	Gross domestic product		Gross farm product		Gross non-farm product		Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
							Private		Government		Private		Public	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
AT CURRENT PRICES														
1983-84—														
March	45,609	47,691	2,181	2,267	43,428	45,424	27,890	28,928	7,530	8,037	5,717	6,358	3,511	3,985
June	47,389	49,141	1,009	2,226	46,380	48,915	28,968	29,380	8,647	8,264	7,528	7,158	4,118	3,567
1984-85—														
September	48,647	49,651	1,199	1,988	47,448	47,663	29,886	30,176	8,514	8,664	6,667	6,711	3,786	4,023
December	56,289	56,774	4,761	2,094	51,528	48,680	32,640	30,816	9,085	8,798	7,470	7,079	4,293	4,118
March	49,626	52,521	1,595	2,271	48,031	50,250	30,742	32,011	8,293	8,851	6,398	7,019	4,158	4,739
June	52,527	54,434	1,130	2,360	51,397	52,074	32,446	32,896	9,616	9,186	7,867	7,587	5,734	5,047

AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES

1983-84—														
March	31,124	32,492	1,990	2,094	29,134	30,398	19,157	19,912	5,105	5,395	4,085	4,443	2,306	2,619
June	31,522	33,078	1,055	2,124	30,467	30,954	19,683	19,924	5,633	5,308	5,172	4,918	2,647	2,292
1984-85—														
September	32,287	32,890	1,443	1,923	30,844	30,967	19,924	20,153	5,517	5,609	4,566	4,584	2,430	2,570
December	37,443	33,487	4,090	2,036	33,353	31,449	21,398	20,344	5,769	5,638	5,888	4,760	2,703	2,293
March	31,857	33,752	1,575	2,147	30,282	31,605	19,989	20,793	5,283	5,578	4,228	4,631	2,510	2,970
June	33,159	34,685	1,262	2,239	31,897	32,446	20,557	20,805	6,041	5,777	5,035	4,852	3,456	3,041

AT CURRENT PRICES—continued

Quarter	Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises														Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income	Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Household disposable income
	Imports of goods and services		Exports of goods and services		Companies				Other				Wages, salaries and supplements					
					Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.							
					Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.						
1983-84—																		
March	7,672	7,783	6,982	7,111	5,801	6,349	10,312	10,847	23,823	24,684	1,183	13,355	7,188	31,173				
June	8,236	8,288	7,372	7,223	5,995	6,147	8,991	10,961	25,909	25,967	-52	16,174	10,876	31,155				
1984-85—																		
September	9,851	9,431	8,166	8,219	6,154	6,197	10,615	10,949	25,968	26,191	55	15,174	7,127	34,070				
December	9,107	9,328	7,888	7,955	7,372	6,483	14,916	11,430	27,877	26,814	3,408	17,675	6,924	42,036				
March	9,060	9,227	8,206	8,446	5,791	6,592	11,834	12,226	25,914	26,885	344	15,581	7,473	34,366				
June	10,659	10,713	10,061	9,859	6,807	6,776	10,457	12,592	27,809	27,809	-91	18,639	12,576	33,861				

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are: consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

Month	CIVILIAN LABOUR FORCE (a) (' 000)						UNEMPLOYED PERSONS (b) (' 000)			JOB VACANCIES (' 000)		
	Males		Females		Persons		Looking for full-time work		Looking for part-time work	Total		
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Males	Females		Males	Females	Persons
1983-84—												
June	4,417.2	4,438.8	2,715.7	2,723.6	7,132.8	7,162.4	349.7	189.5	94.9	375.0	259.1	634.1
1984-85—												
July	4,422.3	4,435.3	2,699.5	2,712.3	7,121.8	7,147.6	339.9	175.3	80.4	357.8	237.8	595.7
August	4,393.9	4,435.5	2,673.0	2,701.3	7,066.9	7,136.8	359.0	168.1	80.5	381.5	223.1	604.6
September	4,435.8	4,422.4	2,758.4	2,735.7	7,194.2	7,158.1	349.1	168.9	103.3	376.8	244.5	621.3
October	4,402.2	4,413.3	2,721.2	2,721.4	7,123.4	7,134.7	326.1	163.6	89.1	351.2	227.7	578.8
November	4,397.2	4,427.0	2,740.2	2,736.1	7,137.4	7,163.1	321.4	166.9	83.0	341.1	230.2	571.3
December	4,462.6	4,416.1	2,788.1	2,744.6	7,250.7	7,160.7	345.3	181.8	100.0	375.1	252.1	627.1
January	4,433.3	4,424.3	2,661.7	2,759.4	7,095.0	7,183.7	376.2	196.4	84.9	404.9	252.7	657.6
February	4,462.9	4,231.9	2,787.0	2,785.3	7,249.9	7,217.2	369.0	207.4	92.2	390.4	283.2	673.6
March	4,470.5	4,447.8	2,835.7	2,778.7	7,306.2	7,226.5	362.7	193.7	115.3	389.7	282.0	671.7
April	4,418.7	4,425.9	2,760.3	2,751.5	7,179.0	7,177.3	336.1	174.6	103.5	359.7	254.5	614.2
May	4,443.6	4,450.7	2,764.4	2,786.8	7,239.9	7,237.5	331.4	172.2	104.0	361.8	245.8	607.7
June	4,443.1	4,463.5	2,795.5	2,803.0	7,238.6	7,266.5	341.9	170.1	94.7	365.1	241.6	606.7
1985-86—												
July	4,439.4	4,451.5	2,800.9	2,811.8	7,240.2	7,263.3	324.3	152.4	89.0	343.8	221.9	565.7
August	4,437.1	4,478.4	2,780.1	2,808.7	7,217.2	7,287.2	324.5	162.4	84.3	348.1	223.0	571.2

(a) Civilians aged 15 years and over. The labour force is the sum of the employed and the unemployed. (b) Labour force survey estimates.

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES (a)

PERSONS (' 000)

Month	Australia											
	Government											
	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Commonwealth	State(h)	Local
1984—												
April	1,799.1	1,370.0	747.9	447.8	448.2	138.9	45.5	107.6	3,432.3	421.3	1,099.8	151.5
May	1,787.4	1,369.3	758.3	450.3	451.4	139.3	46.2	108.9	3,455.5	421.9	1,080.9	152.8
June	1,806.3	1,378.1	756.7	448.5	451.2	136.5	46.8	108.6	3,453.9	419.5	1,105.1	154.3
July	1,822.1	1,386.6	762.2	448.4	454.9	139.5	47.1	108.6	3,491.1	420.3	1,103.6	154.2
August	1,828.5	1,393.3	767.6	450.7	457.3	139.5	47.1	108.8	3,512.3	421.6	1,104.4	154.5
September	1,825.9	1,403.5	766.7	447.5	456.7	137.5	47.4	107.4	3,515.8	421.0	1,101.6	154.3
October	1,832.9	1,426.0	770.9	452.3	463.1	141.1	49.5	110.2	3,562.4	423.6	1,106.0	153.9
November	1,834.3	1,433.4	773.4	454.6	467.5	143.2	49.4	111.6	3,588.1	425.9	1,100.2	153.2
December	1,835.8	1,429.4	769.0	456.3	464.4	142.6	49.0	110.6	3,593.8	427.0	1,083.4	152.9
1985—												
January	1,818.3	1,413.3	760.3	443.1	456.6	139.3	48.9	108.1	3,568.6	427.3	1,042.5	149.6
February	1,847.5	1,444.7	777.1	448.8	464.6	142.1	49.0	110.3	3,626.2	429.0	1,077.0	152.0
March	1,855.7	1,458.8	780.9	455.3	471.3	144.8	50.3	111.7	3,639.8	431.8	1,104.5	152.8
April	1,863.8	1,466.2	787.7	459.0	477.7	145.4	52.1	112.6	3,663.0	432.6	1,116.1	152.9
May	1,850.9	1,465.2	797.3	462.1	479.3	145.8	53.2	113.3	3,675.8	434.4	1,102.9	153.8
June	1,865.4	1,465.8	796.4	462.7	479.0	141.9	52.6	113.5	3,669.2	434.3	1,119.2	154.7

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners: Australia* (6248.0) and *Information paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Over-time* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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